

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
Civil Action No. 5:24-cv-00643-D

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

TRAVIS AUSTIN WINGENFELD and
PAMELA JEAN DUKES,

Defendants.

**CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS AND
FOR DISCHARGE, DISMISSAL, AND
PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Motion to Deposit Funds and for Discharge, Dismissal, and Permanent Injunction (“Joint Motion”) submitted by Plaintiff-in-Interpleader Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (“MetLife”) and Defendants Travis Wingenfeld and Pamela Dukes (collectively, “the Parties”). Having considered all matters of record and for good cause shown, the Joint Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**


(a) That the Clerk of this Court accept MetLife’s check and receive the funds at issue into the Registry of this Court. Funds received pursuant to this Order meet the Internal Revenue Service definition of a “Disputed Ownership Fund” (DOF) and must be deposited into the CRIS DOF administered by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, which will be responsible for meeting all DOF tax requirements. The ultimate disposition of these funds will be determined by Order of this Court in the above-styled action;

(b) That MetLife is hereby **DISCHARGED** from all further liability under the employee welfare benefit plan (“the Plan”) sponsored and maintained by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, beyond those monies deposited into the Court’s Registry in the amount of \$55,000 (the “Interpleader Funds”), plus any applicable accrued interest, by reason of the death of Michael John Wingenfeld (“the Decedent”);

(c) That MetLife is hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** from this action;

(d) That Defendants Travis Austin Wingenfeld and Pamela Jean Dukes are hereby **PERMANENTLY ENJOINED** and restrained from initiating any other action against MetLife for recovery of the benefits payable under the Group Policies and the Plan by reason of the death of the Decedent.

SO ORDERED. This 5 day of June, 2025.



JAMES C. DEVER III
United States District Judge

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